SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:...we will get the information. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI T. R. BALU: * *

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 284. Question No. 285. Question No. 286.

*284. [*For answer* vide *col.* infra]

*285. [*For answer* vide *col.* infra]

Ban on Indian Films in Pakistan

*286. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:†

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that despite a ban imposed on September 7, 1965, Indian films are quite popular in Pakistan and Pakistanis are smuggling feature films, video cassettes to their country;

(b) whether Government are also aware that eminent film artists, producers and writers of Pakistan have urged their Government to adopt a liberal cultural policy and to allow co-production with India;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in the matter and whether it has been discussed or is likely to be discussed with the Pakistan Government; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the statement of Pakistan's Minister of State for Culture, Mr. Baz Khan, that an exhibition of Indian films would be considered; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Indian feature films are known to be popular in Pakistan.

(b) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(c) and (d) Government are aware of the reports regadring the statement of the Pakistani Minister of State for Culture. Government view positively all exchanges, including in the field of films, which promote expansion of people-to-people contacts between the two countries. Government hope to be able to take up specific proposals in this regard during the forthcoming meeting of the Indo-Pak Joint Commission.

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा : सभापति महोदय, ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री के० नटवर सिंह : माननीय सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके माननीय सदस्या से दरख्वास्त करूंगा कि उन्होंने जो सवाल पूछा है, उसे वे दोहराएं ताकि मैं उसका जवाब दे सकूं। ...(व्यवधान)..माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय, पाकिस्तान में हिंदुस्तान की बनाई फिल्मों की बहुत मांग है और हम चाहते हैं कि यह जो दो तरफा ताल्लुकात ...(व्यवधान)... हम चाहते हैं कि यह जितनी चल्द से जल्द ...(व्यवधान)

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलूवालिया : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से पूछना चाहूंगा कि मुजाहिदीन एक्सट्रीमिस्ट ग्रुप को साउदी अरबियन कंट्रीज ने जो रिकग्नाइज किया है, इसके बारे में जिनेवा एकॉर्ड को जो तोड़ने की कोशिश चली है, उसके बारे में भारत सरकार कोई कार्यवाही कर रही है या नहीं कर रही है ?...(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 287. Question No. 288. Question No. 289. Question No. 290.

*287. [*For answer* vide *col.* ——infra]

*288. [*For answer* vide *Col.*——*infra*]

*289. [*For answer* vide *col.*——infra]

**Not recorded.

†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Veena Verma.